GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:932
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000
VIGILANCE DEPARTMENT OF GIC
BHERU LAL MEENA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7249 on 12 May, 2000 and state:

(a) whether complaints have been received against the Vigilance Department of New India Assurance Company Ltd. from Employees Associations and Members of Parliament for hushing up or delaying investigations of proved cases of fraud and corruption by officials, surveyors and insurers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Vigilance Department of the Company has recently received complaints of corruption by the officers of Divisional Office-310900;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken thereon;

(e) whether the investigations have been completed by the Vigilance Department in the cases pending as on 31.3.2000; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The New India Assurance Company Limited (NIAC) had received a complaint letter dated 6.9.2000 from All India General

Insurance Employees` Association (Regd.) which was forwarded by Shri Bherulal Meena, M.P. and also a copy of d.o. letter dated 5.10.2000 addressed to Shri A.P. Pradhan, Current Incharge of New India Assurance Co. Ltd., by Shri Bherulal Meena, M.P. The complaints were in the nature of allegation against certain officers and employees of Vigilance and other departments of the company.

(c) & (d) : Yes Sir. The Vigilance Department of NIAC has received complaints of alleged corruption against certain officers and subordinate staff of NIAC, Divisional Office-310900, from the President, All India National General Insurance Employees` Association, Northern Zone. The Vigilance Officer of Delhi Regional Office has already been advised to investigate the matter and submit his report. The investigation is in progress. On receiving the report, necessary action will be initiated.

(e) & (f) : As on 31.3.2000, 78 investigations were pending, out of which, investigations in respect of 40 cases have been completed. Rest 38 cases (out of 78 cases) are at the final stage of the investigation.